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SUBJECT: INDIAN DR. 72 ON SHORTAGE OF NEWSPRINT AND CULTURAL PAPER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUBJECT DR WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO
BE DISCUSSED IN COMMISSION II NOV. 16 UNDER UNIT 13:

2. PARA ONE: BEGIN QUOTE: NOTING THAT THE SHORTAGE
OF NEWSPRINT AND CULTURAL PAPER STILL PERSISTS IN THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH IS A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO THE
GROWTH OF PRINT MEDIA,

3. PARA TWO: RECALLING THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE EIGHTEENTH
SESSION OF THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE CALLING INTER
ALIA FOR ESTABLISHING A WORLD PAPER BANK,

4. PARA THREE: RECOMMENDS THAT VIGOROUS STEPS BE
CONTINUED IN ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION,

5. PARA FOUR: FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT UNESCO USE ITS
GOOD OFFICES TO SECURE ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL FUNDS TO
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ASSIST THE PRODUCTION OF PAPER IN THE DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

6. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT WHEN DR WAS SUBMITTED BY INDIA AT 18TH GC CALLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD PAPER BANK, USDEL WHILE SUPPORTIVE OF OBJECTIVE, RAISED QUESTION AS TO WHETHER UNESCO WAS PROPER AGENCY TO UNDERTAKE THIS INVESTIGATION AND ABSTAINED ON THE VOTE.

SINCE U.S. POSTURE IS TO ASSIST LDC'S IN IMPROVING MEDIA CAPABILITIES, WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE THRUST OF THIS PROPOSAL BUT QUESTION WHETHER UNESCO IS PROPER FORUM. DG NOTE INDICATES THIS WAS SUBJECT OF INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATIONS AT FAO AND THAT IT IS ANTICIPATED THEY WILL BE RESUMED EARLY IN 1977. SINCE THIS IS A MATTER THAT CUTS ACROSS THE UN SYSTEM, USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.

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